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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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IN RE: POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS  
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3rd & Constitution Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

July 19, 1973

The testimony of L. PATRICK GRAY was taken in  
the presence of a full quorum of the Grand Jury.

BEFORE:

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1           A     FBI, CIA, both, I'd put it, as to whether or not  
2 there was any CIA interest or non-interest in the witnesses  
3 that the FBI wanted to interview.

4           Q     In connection with what?

5           A     In connection with the Watergate investigation. And  
6 that both General Walters and myself felt that this was due to  
7 an indifference and a carelessness on the part of White House  
8 staff people and a failure to appreciate the position of these  
9 agencies in our society, and that we both felt that this could  
10 be injurious to our agencies and could be wounding to the  
11 President.

12                   Now, these are certainly not my exact words, but they  
13 are certainly close to them and they are certainly close to the  
14 thought that I intended to convey. And I said to him, "Clark,  
15 would you please pass this to the President."

16                   And he said either, "I'll handle it," or, "I'll take  
17 care of it." And that was the substance of that conversation.

18           Q     All right, sir. Now, your logs reflect that that call  
19 took place at 10:51 a.m. Washington time, Thursday, July 6th,  
20 1972.

21                   Your logs reflect that at 10:28 a.m., Thursday -- I'm  
22 sorry, 11:28 a.m., Thursday, July 6th, 1972, you received a  
23 call from President Nixon. Is that correct?

24           A     That is correct, sir.

25           Q     Do you recollect speaking to President Nixon some

1 thirty to thirty-five minutes after you spoke to Mr. MacGregor?

2 A I do indeed, yes, sir.

3 Q Could you tell us the telephone conversation from the  
4 President?

5 A Yes. The President called me and I was actually  
6 quite surprised to receive the call.

7 He started off by congratulating me on the success-  
8 ful termination of the highjacking which had occurred in San  
9 Francisco the day before. The ladies and gentlemen of the  
10 Grand Jury may recall that an FBI Agent shot two highjackers  
11 who were trying to highjack an airplane, and the President  
12 asked if I would pass his congratulations to the FBI Agent.

13 And I told the President that I would and that I was  
14 very, very grateful to him for calling and the Agents would be  
15 pleased to know that and, indeed, I placed a call later on to  
16 the Special --

17 Q Before we get to that, just tell us all the conversa-  
18 tion. You said you appreciated it and you'd pass it on?

19 A Right. And then I said, "Mr. President, there's  
20 something I want to speak to you about." And, really, I just  
21 blurted it out. That was my reaction at the time.

22 I said -- and I've written this down, and I've written  
23 it down because I think it's very important, and this is my  
24 best recollection. I know that precision is impossible to  
25 obtain, but this is my best recollection, after having given it

1 much thought and consideration -- to this call.

2 And I said, "Dick Walters and I feel that people on  
3 your staff are trying to mortally wound you by using the CIA  
4 and FBI and by confusing the question of CIA interest in or  
5 not in people the FBI wishes to interview."

6 Then I said, "I've just talked to Clark MacGregor  
7 and asked him to speak to you about this." There was a per-  
8 ceptible pause, a noticable pause, and the President said to  
9 me, "Pat, you just continue to conduct your aggressive and  
10 thorough investigation." And that was the end of the telephone  
11 call.

12 MR. NEAL: Mr. Foreman, it's 5:30. We have a few  
13 other areas to cover with Mr. Gray. Mr. Gray, is this the end  
14 of your testimony of your activities with respect to the CIA-  
15 FBI involvement?

16 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir, with regard to any witness  
17 involvement, like with regard to Mr. Ogarrio and with regard to  
18 Mr. Dahlberg.

19 MR. NEAL: I understand there's later some other  
20 things, but with respect to this aspect of your activities from  
21 June 17th to July 6th, 1972?

22 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir, that is.

23 MR. NEAL: And the other areas, about which we dis-  
24 cussed, or the other areas we've discussed with you, are now,  
25 in effect, of somewhat separate areas?